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pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention. Acrylat- or methacrylat- containing polymers are less water-dispersable and polylactic acids or copolymers thereof are water-soluble only upon biodegradation and sugar alcohols, mono- or disaccharides are not polymeric.

**Argument:**

Applicants herein distinctly and specifically point out errors in the restriction requirement as required by MPEP § 818.03(c). The present invention relates to a pharmaceutical composition which comprises both at least one multiparticulate phase and a matrix phase. An essential feature is a matrix phase which is obtainable by a melt-extrusion process. All the matrix components of claims 5 and 7 are used to form a suitable matrix for the pharmaceutical composition. Therefore, the matrix components relate to a single invention.

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